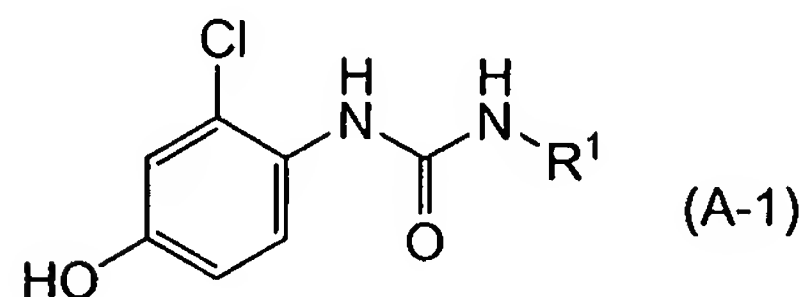


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A compound (A-1) or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 1]



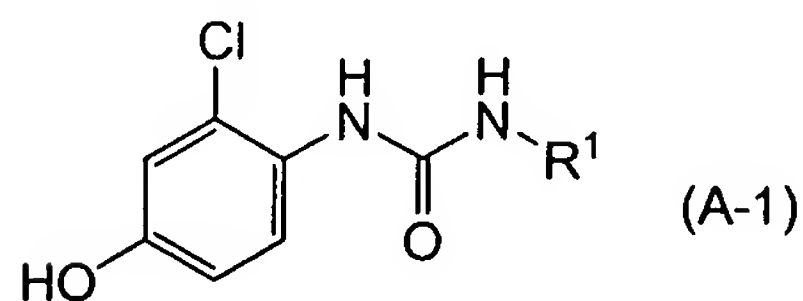
wherein R¹ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl.

2. (Original) A compound or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or cyclopropyl.

3. (Original) A compound or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is cyclopropyl.

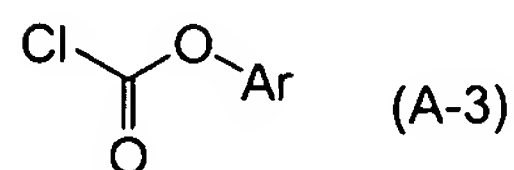
4. (Original) A process for preparing a compound (A-1) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 5]



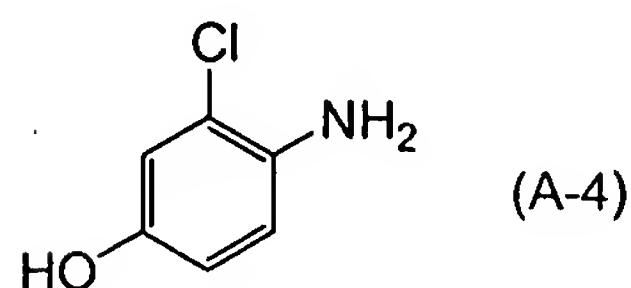
wherein R¹ has the same definition as above, characterized by reacting a compound (A-3) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 2]



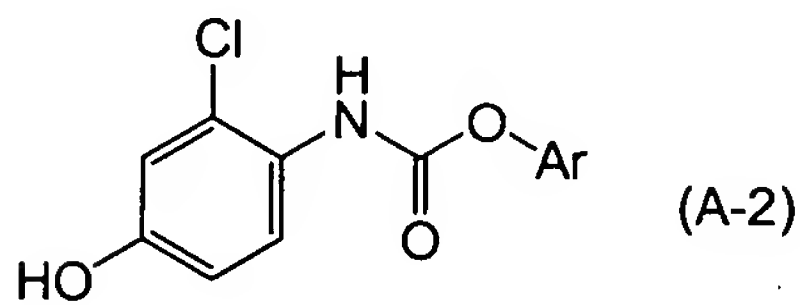
wherein Ar represents C₆₋₁₀ aryl optionally having 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, methyl, methoxy and nitro, with a compound (A-4) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 3]



to afford a compound (A-2) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 4]



wherein Ar has the same definition as above, and then reacting the compound (A-2) with a compound represented by the formula R¹-NH₂, wherein R¹ has the same definition as above.

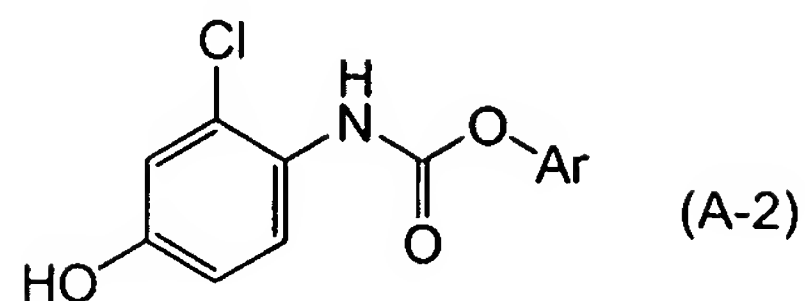
5. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or cyclopropyl.

6. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein R¹ is cyclopropyl.

7. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4, wherein Ar is phenyl.

8. (Original) A compound (A-2) or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 6]

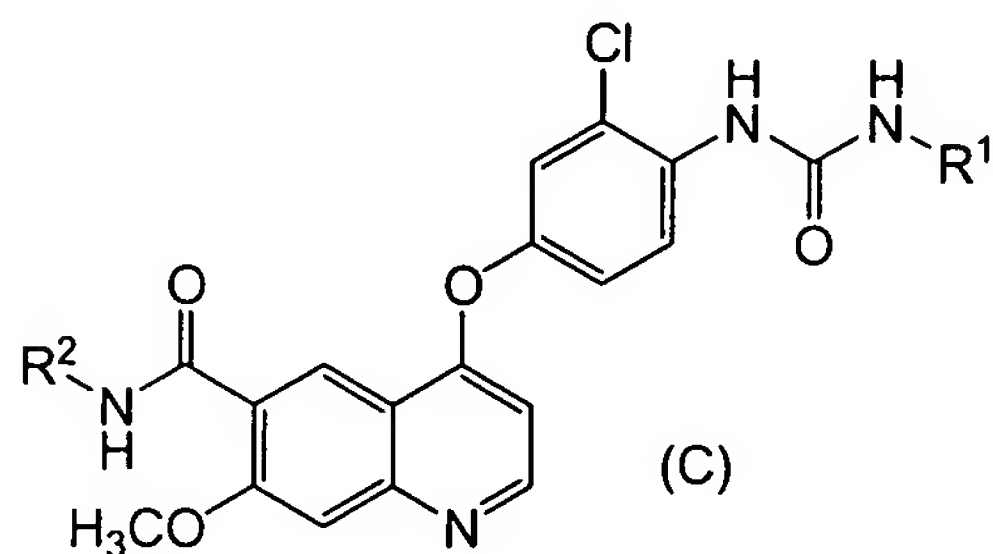


wherein Ar has the same definition as above.

9. (Original) A compound or a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing according to claim 8, wherein Ar is phenyl.

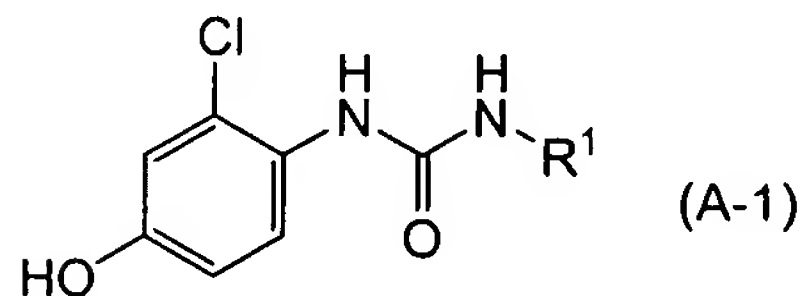
10. (Original) A process for preparing a compound (C) or a salt thereof represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 9]



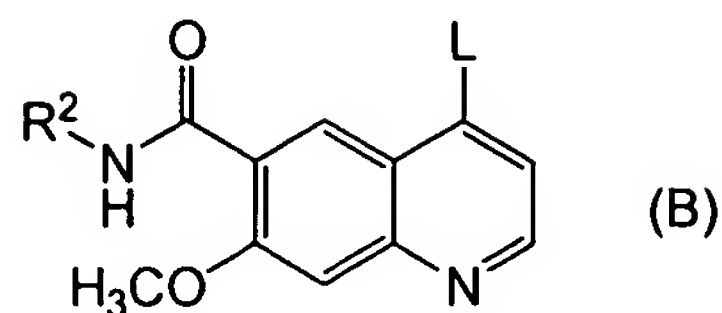
wherein R¹ and R² have the same definitions as above, characterized by reacting a compound (A-1) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 7]



wherein R¹ has the same definition as above, with a compound (B) represented by the following formula:

[Chemical Formula 8]



wherein R^2 represents hydrogen or methoxy, and L represents a leaving group.

11. (Original) A process according to claim 10, characterized by using a base.

12. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the base is an alkali metal carbonate or an alkali metal alkoxide.

13. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the base is cesium carbonate, potassium carbonate or potassium t-butoxide.

14. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 13~~ claim 10, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or cyclopropyl.

15. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 13~~ claim 10, wherein R^1 is cyclopropyl.

16. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 15~~ claim 10, wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

17. (Currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of claims 10 to 16~~ claim 10, wherein L is chlorine.